

Division 3. Air Resources Board

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Chapter 2. Enforcement of Vehicle Emission Standards and Surveillance Testing

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Article 2.4. Procedures for Reporting Failures of Emission-Related Components

**§ 2146. Emissions Information Report.**

(a) A manufacturer shall file an emissions information report:

(1) For 1990 and subsequent model-year vehicles or engines, when the failure of a specific emission-related component exceeds the percentages specified in Section 2143 of these procedures. An emissions information report shall not be required sooner than 45 days after the field information report has been submitted to the Executive Officer.

(2) Not more than 45 days after the Executive Officer, with cause, requires such a report. For purposes of this section, "cause" shall be based upon any information in ARB possession which indicates that a failure of significant scope is occurring which might necessitate a recall, including but not limited to the in-use enforcement test results specified in Section 2140(a) above, and information gathered from ARB in-use surveillance activities, Smog Check inspections, and consumer complaints.

(3) For 1982 through 1989 model-year vehicles or engines, not more than 15 days after a specific emission-related defect is determined to exist in twenty-five or more vehicles or engines of the same model year. A defect shall be determined in accordance with procedures established by a manufacturer to identify safety-related defects.

(b) No emissions information report shall be required if a manufacturer has committed to perform a recall by notifying the ARB of its intent in writing after the failure of a specific emission-related component exceeds the percentages specified in Section 2143 of these procedures. A recall plan shall be submitted within 45 days of the manufacturer's notification of intent to perform a recall.

(c) All emissions information reports shall be submitted to the Chief, Mobile Source Operations Division, 9528 Telstar Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731, and shall contain the following information in substantially the format outlined below. For purposes of this section, the term "failure" shall be considered synonymous with the term "defect" for those emissions information reports filed pursuant to subsection (a)(3), above.

(1) The manufacturer's corporate name.

(2) The field information report number from which the failure was first reported, if applicable.

(3) A description of each class or category of California-certified vehicles or engines affected by the failure including make, model, model-year, engine family or test group, and such other information as may be required to identify the vehicles or engines affected.

(4) A description of the emission-related component that failed, the failure and the probable cause of failure.

(5) A description of any driveability problems or impact on other vehicle or engine performance factors such as fuel economy and cold starting likely to result from the failure.

(6) For emissions information reports filed pursuant to Section 2146(a)(1) and (2), a description of how emissions will be affected over the useful life of the vehicles or engines due to the failure.

(7) For emissions information reports filed pursuant to Section 2146(a)(3), an evaluation of the emission impact of the failure and any available emission data which relate to the failure.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 39600, 39601 and 43105, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 43000, 43009.5, 43018, 43101, 43104, 43105, 43106, 43107 and 43204-43205.5, Health and Safety Code.

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